



ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018

The Asian American Quality of Life Commission Advisory Commission (AAQOLAC) convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

Commission Members in Attendance: Vince Cobalis, Sarah Chen, Kirk Yoshida, Nguyen Stanton, Catherina Conte, Pramod Patil, Debasree DasGupta, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Pooja Sethi, and Molly Wang

Staff in Attendance: Rey Arellano, Laura Esparza, Marion Sanchez, Cara Welch, Joya Hayes, Rebecca Kennedy, Stephanie Hayden, Kimberly Maddox, Brion Oaks, Brandon Kroos, and Joe Silva

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

Rennison Lalgee, Austin Community College (ACC) Professor of Sociology, introduced himself and announced the formation of an ACC Asian Student Focus Group.

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The approval of the minutes from the AAQOLAC meeting on October 16, 2018 was moved with edits by Commissioner Yoshida and seconded by Commissioner Wang. The motion was approved 10-0.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Workgroup Reports

1. AARC Workgroup provided an update on the AARC usage.
2. The Health Workgroup identified two areas for possible grant funding, Senior Transportation and Mental Health.
3. Members of the Arts & Culture Workgroup traveled as part of the Austin-Pune Sister City delegation.
4. Community Engagement Workgroup: Discussed as item 3b.
5. The Business Planning Workgroup

- b. Discuss Community Dialogue event** - The Commission discussed the preparations for the Community Engagement event scheduled for November 14, 2018. Commissioner Conte and Wang asked commissioners for contact information for potential invitees and gather input on event questions.

- c. Update on the mini-grant process** - Commissioner Yoshida is participating in the Mini-Grant review process with other Quality of Life Commission members. Over 124 applications were submitted. He also spoke at the LGBTQ Quality of Life Commission and provided a presentation of the Asian American Quality of Life Initiative.

- d. Discuss changing Commission Workgroup structure** - The Chair of the Commission ask commissioners to consider possible changes to the workgroup structure and to email the

Chair directly. The Commission will discuss this item in the November meeting will possible action at the December meeting.

- e. **Update on AARC projects** - Laura Esparza, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, introduced Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Manager, Communications and Public Information Office (CPIO) and Cara Welch (CPIO). Discussed the Community Engagement portion of the AARC Master Plan and its alignment with the site design process. Chair Cobalis asked for a timeline for both processes of the master plan project.
- f. Information sharing

4. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. **Presentation of the Austin Public Health 2019 approved budget** – Stephanie Hayden, Director, Austin Public Health (APH) and Kymberley Maddox, Assistant Director, (APH) provided an overview of the 2019 APH budget.
- b. **Equity Assessment Report** – Brion Oaks, Chief Equity Officer, and Brandon Kroos provided an update on the training sessions that the Equity Office have provided throughout the City. They also discussed the possibility of some commissioners attending an upcoming Undoing Racism training session or a separate class just for commissioners from all the Quality of Life commissions. They also asked for the Commission's assistance in establishing the preferred qualifications and skills for a new Neighborhood Liaison position in the Equity Office.
- c. **Assistant City Manager hiring process** – Joya Hayes, Director Human Resources Department (HRD) and Rebecca Kennedy (HRD) provided an overview of the ACM hiring process. They are encouraging all special interest groups including the AAQOLAC to forward the ACM profile to interested individuals and organizations.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Wang is participating in the Joint Inclusion Committee. A retreat will be occurring after the beginning of the year to identify core values.

6. FUTURE AGENDA

- a. Police Oversight Advisory Working Group – Office of Police Monitor
- b. Review City's Fair Chance Hiring Ordinance – Human Resources Department
- c. Water Forward Plan – Austin Water Utility

- 7. Commissioner Chen moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Patil seconded. The motion passed 10-0.